

Punctuation Practice

Insert commas, colons, semicolons, apostrophes, question marks, and/or periods where necessary. You may not change the case of letters or insert/delete any words.

1. Mary Shelley's Frankenstein contains a passage from a Wordsworth poem called "Tintern Abbey." Most students do not read the poem even though they are supposed to.
2. When Victor first encounters the creature on Mont Blanc, the creature only wants one thing: "Hear my tale."
3. The third time the word "grin" occurs in the novel is an important one because this is when the creature's expression can be read only as evil.
4. It's significant that Henry Clerval enjoyed learning new languages, or his interest in other cultures shows him to be the novel's most healthy, well-rounded character.
5. Victor's assertions that he "not in deed, but in effect, was the true murderer" grow out of his admissions of indirect guilt are plenty, but he never acts to resolve the situation.
6. Frankenstein is really a novel about the power of storytelling, and the multiple narrators help to underscore the importance of a well-told story and a receptive audience.
7. Mary Shelley's Frankenstein contains two examples of death-bed wishes: Victor's mother asks Victor and Elizabeth to get married, and Victor asks Walton to kill the creature on his behalf.
8. Neither of these wishes is fulfilled, therefore the novel suggests that once someone has passed away they no longer hold power over those who live on.
9. "My abhorrence of this fiend cannot be conceived," claims Victor. "When I thought of him I gnashed my teeth" (95).
10. "Sometimes," the creature tells Victor, "I tried to imitate the pleasant songs of the birds."